

Yountville—a veterans home, the largest in the country, serving the most veterans in the country.

This was a particular program designed to help Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who were coming home with serious problems.

These three women got up every morning, they put on their clothes, they kissed their families good-bye, they walked out the door to do one thing and one thing only, and that was to help troubled veterans.

And on Friday, they were murdered. They were held hostage and gunned down in cold-blooded murder. One more senseless act of gun violence.

Mr. Speaker, I would like this body to recognize a moment of silence for Christine Loeber, the executive director of The Pathway Home program at the California Veterans Home in Yountville; Dr. Jennifer Golick, the clinical director and staff psychologist; and Jennifer Gonzales, the clinical psychologist with the San Francisco Department of Veterans Affairs, who was on assignment at The Pathway Home and was also pregnant.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.J. RES. 50 AND H.R. 60

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as cosponsor on H.J. Res. 50 and H.R. 60.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

#### THE SAVANNAH HOPE STILLBIRTH CHILD TAX CREDIT

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the author of the Savannah Hope Stillbirth Child Tax Credit Act, which would allow a one-time refundable tax credit after the stillbirth in a family, the same amount that is given for the existing child tax credit.

The bill is named after Savannah Schumacher, a baby that Steve and Jill Schumacher from Eden Prairie, Minnesota, lost at 33 weeks.

Mr. Speaker, families of stillborn children not only face medical expenses that aren't always covered by insurance, but they face burial, cremation, and grief counseling costs that add up to be very significant expenses.

Minnesota is among the States that have already enacted these credits at the State level. And while a tax credit can't make up for the loss of a child, it does acknowledge that child's existence, even though he or she passed away before birth, and it will hopefully help support grieving families that have gone through the unthinkable.

#### CONGRATULATING IMPACT CHRISTIAN TV NETWORK

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the country's only African-American owned Christian television network, the IMPACT Christian TV network.

Over the weekend, at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, I joined IMPACT for the celebration of their launch onto the Altice family of programming. The launch is a big step for Altice and people across the Nation.

The partnership between IMPACT and Altice means that the country's only African-American owned and operated Christian television network will now reach more than 85 million homes around the world.

As we have seen with the "Oscars So Black" movement and spotlight on inequality in film and television, people across the country are demanding increased diversity in programming.

IMPACT's launch on Altice is another step in the right direction. It is a historic pairing that will bring diversity and ministry to millions of homes.

I would like to point out that, in my district, the 10th Congressional District of the State of New Jersey, I want to commend two local heroes for helping move this effort forward.

I want to commend Reverend Dr. David Jefferson of Metropolitan Baptist Church and the IMPACT team, and Marilyn Davis and the Altice team for what they did to make this launch happen.

#### THE TOMPKINS FALCONS ARE WINNERS

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, in 1898, the Katy school district opened. In those 120 years, no Katy team ever played in the Texas Men's Basketball Championship.

The Tompkins Falcons have only been around for 5 years. Yet, 4 days ago, those 5-year-old Falcons led Katy to its first Texas 6A finals. They came up 1.1 seconds short, losing by 2 points in overtime.

There is an old saying in Texas: You see the true character, the true heart of a team, in defeat, not victory. That means the Tompkins Falcons have the biggest hearts in Texas.

The best example is the words of the Falcons star senior Jamal Bieniemy: "We still have life after basketball. We still have to wake up. We still have to breathe and live for each other."

I will close with words from Falcons head coach Bobby Sanders: "It was gratifying we got this far. I am proud of them."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 850,000 Texans in Texas 22, I want to say: Darn straight, coach. Darn straight.

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#### AUSTIN BOMBINGS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as the senior member on the Judiciary Committee, I remember dealing with church bombings some few years ago. So I rise today to acknowledge my colleagues in Austin and to express my sympathy for the bombing deaths that occurred with a nondescript package being left at the homes of African Americans and a Hispanic.

I believe action is needed now, and I certainly thank law enforcement for engaging ATF and the FBI. But I think it was important that when the first bombing occurred, notice generally should have been made about nondescript packages at the homes of individuals.

We know the facts are not all in. The investigation is ongoing. However, the Federal Government can be of help to local law enforcement that I know is working hard. We want to be there for them. But it is important to take note, and I want my constituents to be aware, that nondescript packages, until this dastardly individual is found, please call the police in whatever jurisdiction you are in in the State of Texas, and let's hope that we can find this person as quickly as possible.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest sympathy and prayers are with those who already lost their life.

#### LEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to commend and welcome President Trump to California, where, amongst other things, he is looking at the technology with which to control our borders, an obligation we have as a State, but more so as a country whose jurisdiction it is.

We welcome legal immigration to our State and to our country, not illegal immigration or the other euphemisms that are used, undocumented immigrants, what have you.

Indeed, if we don't have borders, we don't really have a nation. So let's get cracking on controlling our borders and having a legal immigration process. It is better for the immigrants, it is better for the security of our Nation, and it is better for its people. That is all it is about. It is really that simple.

#### EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak against the Right to Try Act.

It sounds compassionate, but it only offers fake hope. An FDA process already exists to allow terminally ill patients to try experimental drugs at no charge. But the difference is that the proposal that we just voted on strips consumer protections and charges patients.

The FDA program receives about 1,000 requests each year and responds in a few days, often recommending changes to enhance safety for the patient. Removing the FDA from the approval process does not add value and could instead be detrimental.

The bill would open up access to drugs after phase I trials, which are very small and, more often than not, unsuccessful. This bill allows pharmaceutical companies to profit off of experimental drugs that could ruin the quality of life that is left.

This bill creates the wrong incentives and pushes care for the terminally ill in the wrong direction, which is why I join patient and consumer advocates in their strong opposition to this bill. This was under suspension and, therefore, did not pass. I remain opposed to the bill.

#### FIRST FEMALE FIREFIGHTER

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of my community, Mary View from Ilion, New York. Mary recently made history by becoming the first female firefighter in the Village of Ilion.

Mary was raised in a family of firefighters. Her father, Ed View III, is currently the deputy chief of the Herkimer Fire Department; and her grandfather, Ed View II, also served in the Herkimer Fire Department and is now happily retired.

As a young girl, she would spend a lot of time at the fire station. She remembers being in the car with her father when he would receive emergency calls, and she would be happy to join along with him to respond.

Serving in the fire department is a bit of a legacy, as we described, for the View family. Mary always thought she would grow up to become a firefighter, and despite a brief time thinking she was going to take up a career in criminal justice, the urge to become a firefighter was irresistible, and Mary ended up doing just that.

Mary is not only making history, but also living her lifelong dream. She hopes to be an inspiration to all women who want to pursue the same career in the fire service.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mary View on making history as the first woman firefighter in the Village of Ilion. She is part of the next generation of women leaders, and I know she will do an amazing job.

#### REMEMBERING OFFICER GREGORY JONATHAN CASILLAS

(Mrs. TORRES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I report to you an incident that occurred the evening of March 9.

Officers of the Pomona Police Department were involved in a short pursuit that resulted in a 15-hour-long standoff. At the onset of that standoff, Officer Gregory Jonathan Casillas was killed in the line of duty.

Officer Casillas was at the beginning of his career in law enforcement. He was a dedicated public servant. He was young, energetic, and honest. He never lost hope or sight of his dreams.

Officer Casillas joined the Pomona Police Department in December of 2014, working his way up as a records specialist, jailer, recruit, to his graduation in 2017 from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy Class No. 207. He died doing what he loved: serving our community.

He is survived by his wife and his 5-month-old and 4-year-old sons.

Officer Casillas, your memory and spirit will live on. May you rest in peace.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF ANGIE GOMEZ

(Mr. KIHUEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Angie Gomez. Angie visited Las Vegas on October 1 for the Route 91 music festival.

Angie is described by her friends as a natural-born caregiver. It was only natural for her to want to get certified as a nursing assistant, so she did. Outside of caring for others, she loved theater and choir, participating in both throughout middle school and high school.

Angie loved nothing more than to spend time with her two nieces, whom she adored. Friends and family remember her as a team player who wasn't afraid of being herself. She was fun-loving, sweet, and had a great sense of humor.

I would like to extend my condolences to Angie's family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

#### GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is a very important day. Students in my district are walking out of school because they expect their leaders to do something about this problem of gun violence. For years, this body

sadly has failed to act; and because we failed to act, our young people are acting tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, 2,808 people have died in 2018 already because of this scourge of gun violence.

Why isn't that enough for us to act?

It is only March, and already we have almost 3,000 people dead. I guess that is not a surprise because at least 15,549 people died from gun violence in 2017 last year.

Isn't that enough?

We know why this is going on: powerful commercial interests in Washington—gun manufacturers led by their lawyer, I guess the NRA—are preventing basic, commonsense approaches to safety.

You can't even study it. The Centers for Disease Control is prohibited from studying gun violence. We don't have enough resources to really make a true database so that you can find the people who are, in fact, legally prohibited from getting guns, so they sneak through the holes. There are many other problems.

Now is the time, Mr. Speaker. We have to act with those young people who are walking out tomorrow.

#### NATIONAL K-9 VETERANS DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOHIO) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. YOHIO. Mr. Speaker, in my previous life, before Congress—I am a veterinarian in the practice for 30 years—I have had the pleasure of taking care of all of God's creatures. It has been a privilege, a pleasure, and an honor.

So much is going on in Washington and the world, and we hear a lot of bad things going on, so tonight we are going to do a Special Order honoring K-9 Veterans Day, March 13. This evening, my colleagues and I would like to take a moment and pay tribute to the thousands of working dogs that serve our Nation.

They serve in the military. They serve in the fire department, the police department, and the Drug Enforcement Agency. They serve in your neighbor's house next door to alert people of intruders, maybe a fire, or finding a lost child. There is a group of people who do search and rescue only on a volunteer basis.

These unsung heroes, our K-9s, serve our Nation in many ways. Their contributions to our neighborhoods, communities, towns, cities, States, and even Nation cannot be overstated.

The biggest thank-you goes out to all of these K-9s serving our Nation's military and working to keep the homeland safe both here and abroad, as well as our local law enforcement K-9s. Tonight we honor you.

Over the past few months, I have had the honor of getting to know the working K-9s and their handlers that serve